

News briefs

Assumptions of command

The 52nd Fighter Wing assumption of command takes place Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Hangar 1. Col. Stephen P. Mueller will assume command. Refreshments follow immediately at the Spang Club.

The 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron (formerly 52nd Component Repair Squadron) assumption of command takes place July 26 at 3 p.m. in building 364 (fuel barn). Maj. Geoffrey Bacon will assume command. Transportation to the fuel barn departs from building 44 for those without flightline access. Refreshments follow at the Spang Club.

Recent threat levels

The overall threat level for Germany recently increased from moderate to significant by the U.S. State Department.

For people stationed here, this means that anti-U.S. terrorists are present in Germany. The terrorist have limited operational capability, but still try to use weapons of mass destruction to produce the largest number of casualties possible when attacking people. Tighter security at the base gates and stand-off barriers placed around the base are just a few of the efforts wing leadership is taking to prevent and minimize such an attack. The terrorist operating environment is neutral, so an attack could occur anytime.

In response, people stationed in Germany should maintain low profiles and unpredictable schedules and remain vigilant.

Eifel military community members need to increase their awareness of their surroundings on- and off-duty. The local military community will increase the in-place security measures to ensure the greatest possible security environment.

All base members are encouraged to immediately report any unusual circumstances to the base office of special investigations by calling 452-6291 during duty hours. After hours, call the 52nd Security Forces Squadron Law Enforcement Desk at 452-6666.

Officials will investigate allegations of threats to the community. Threat information will also be relayed as soon as possible. Also, refer threat-condition level questions to unit anti-terrorism force protection representatives. (Contributed by Special Agent Sarena Carman, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 518.)

Limited services

The base pass and registration office offers limited services Thursday and July 26 due to U.S. Army in Europe headquarters closure

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Tell me more

Stephanie Evers, Bitburg Annex librarian, captures the full attention of her preschool audience while reading a book during a Reading Rocks! story hour. Evers said she believes the U.S. Air Forces in Europe summer reading program is an effective way to introduce children to the library resources. For more information, read "Summer program inspires kids to keep reading" on Page 3.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Spang A-10s vector to Slovakia for weapons training deployment

By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 180 U.S. airmen and more than half a dozen A-10s from the 81st Fighter Squadron arrived in Slovakia today on a weapons training deployment.

For the second time this year, Spangdahlem A-10s will train over what was once part of communist Czechoslovakia at 2nd Air Force Base, Kuchyna.

Lt. Col. Patrick Malackowski, 81st Fighter Squadron commander and deployment commander, flew the squadron flagship and led the jets into the Slovak base from where the U.S. contingent will operate.

Following the arrival, U.S. pilots and ground crew met briefly with Slovak civic leaders and Kuchyna base officials before attending a short press conference.

The Spangdahlem AB members represent more than 40 career fields and will spend two weeks deployed to Slovakia for the weapons training. Training missions begin Monday.

A highlight of this deployment is a joint open house July 27. Two A-10 aircraft will be on display alongside Slovak Su-22 and Su-25 aircraft and weapons systems. Following the open house, U.S. airmen join with their Slovak counterparts for a soccer match against the local Kuchyna village team. Afterward, the joint team and other members of the deployment are invited to a village festival.

According to Malackowski, the goal of U.S. pilots training at the Slovak base is to build proficiency in basic range and bombing events, and to practice flying low-altitude tactical

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23rd Fighter Squadron remembers friend's sacrifice

By 1st Lt. Bryan Edmonson
39th Wing Public Affairs

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — For 23rd Fighter Squadron troops deployed here from Spangdahlem Air Base it's not just another Operation Northern Watch deployment like they've done in the past.

Two days before the squadron deployed to Incirlik, one of their brothers-in-arms paid the ultimate price in service to his

country: Capt. Luke A. Johnson fatally crashed his F-16CJ during a training mission, leaving his wife and his squadron of brothers and sisters behind in bereavement.

"Stiff" (Johnson) was a good friend," said Capt. Paul Shultz, 23rd FS A-Flight commander. "Fighter pilots are a unique community and he fit in well with all the different attitudes."

Johnson was also as good a pilot as he was a friend to many of the flyers in the squadron. He was an electronic combat pilot, a crucial position within a fighter squadron that suppresses enemy air defenses like the 23rd.

Johnson's death was a hard blow to the hearts and minds of the squadron.

"When the accident happened, it changed the focus of the squadron from getting

prepared and combat-ready for ONW to trying to keep the team together through the tragedy," Shultz said. "Luke was a hard person to replace tactically as far as the mission was concerned, but also as a friend. Everyone was mourning the loss."

To help relieve the pressure of the

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those days. Transactions requiring headquarter's approval resume July 29. Call the office at 452-6695 or 452-6187 for more information.

Driver's safety training

The local conditions driving course is now held in building 307 Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Scheduling for training is not required, but people who wish to get a U.S. Army Europe driver's license must attend this briefing prior to taking the driving test. For more information, call Helmut Rass at 452-7233.

Gas pump safety

The Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to make people aware of the possibility of fires at gas pumps. Institute researchers have investigated 150 cases of fires resulting from gasoline igniting as a result of static electric charges.

Results conclude that customers should never re-enter vehicles while filling it with gas. Customers who do re-enter their vehicles while the gas is pumping, should first discharge static by touching a metal surface, such as the car door, before removing the gas nozzle.

For details, visit www.pei.org. Once there, click on the "stop static" link. Base members can also call the 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office at 452-7233 for more information.

Volunteer retirees needed

The Bitburg Annex Army and Air Force Exchange Service seeks volunteer retirees to help with the "Still Serving" sales event taking place Sept. 20-22. Veterans are encouraged to sign up to share war stories and show military items as a sign that the retired community is "still serving." Call Penny Madison, exchange manager, at 06561-95150 for details.

Citizenship expedited

Active-duty registered immigrant aliens can now apply for U.S. citizenship immediately, thanks to an executive order announced July 4.

The executive order, authorized under Section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, grants immediate citizenship consideration to non-citizen members of the U.S. military serving on active duty since Sept. 11.

Local military personnel flights can assist individuals in preparing their citizenship applications. People with questions about the naturalization process can contact their local Immigration Naturalization Service office.

Visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/ for INS application support centers for details. Click on the "Immigration and Naturalization Service" link. (Contributed by Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.)

CGO meeting

The Spangdahlem Company Grade Officer Council general assembly meets Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Spang Club. Col. Thomas Groznick, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander and CGOC advisor, is the guest speaker.

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impending deployment, the squadron was given an extra week before leaving for Incirlik by their sister squadron, the 22nd Fighter Squadron, which was already deployed at Incirlik participating in the ONW mission.

One week later, grief-weary but mission-ready, the 23rd set out to Incirlik for its 120-day rotation, where the squadron would participate in a weapons training deployment, Exercise Anatolian Eagle, and also take part in ONW missions enforcing the no-fly-zone over northern Iraq.

In May, about a month into their deployment, members of the 23rd wanted to remember their fallen friend in a way that would honor his memory as well as comfort their hearts.

The pilots decided to wear patches on their uniforms in remembrance of Johnson.

"He died for his country, and this just a small token for us to remember him by," Shultz said. "Professionally, everyone has moved on and is doing their jobs well, but we don't want to forget Luke's sacrifice. Wearing the patches helps us remember. It helps us emotionally and spiritually."

"He was, and always will be, an important member of this squadron," said Lt. Col. Steven Kempf, 23rd FS commander, "and this is a small way of showing that not just to ourselves but to others as well."

Having a brother-in-arms pass away in the line of duty has been a sobering experience for the rest of the F-16CJ pilots.

"The reality of what we do has been tragically thrown at us," Shultz said. "We realize that what we are called to do is dangerous and it can happen to any one of us."

Kempf noted that going through such an experience can leave a unit shaky, especially before gearing up for a 120-day deployment.

"It has the potential of crushing a squadron or it has the potential of being a catalyst to unify a squadron," he said. "The theme of our whole deployment here has been in memory of Luke Johnson and it really has brought us together and solidified the squadron." (USAFE News Service)



Senior Airman Jimmy Harper

Capt. Paul Shultz, 23rd Fighter Squadron, currently deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, supporting Operation Northern Watch, displays the patch squadron members wear in honor of their fallen brother-in-arms, Capt. Luke Johnson.

Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Eighteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, three of which were major.

The first major accident happened near Turkismuhle on A-62. A tire blew out on an airman's vehicle that caused him to lose control and strike the guardrail. The vehicle sustained damage to the left fender and the right quarter panel and was towed from the scene. No one was injured.

The second accident was on B-50 adjacent to the golf course. A local national driving a motorcycle started to pass two slow-moving vehicles when he hit a government vehicle attempting to turn on to a farming road. Bitburg Polizei is investigating the accident.

The motorcycle rider was transported to Bitburg Krankenhaus where he was treated for a possible broken leg. The driver of the government vehicle sustained no injuries. The motorcycle sustained a bent wheel and bent forks. The government vehicle suffered damage to the left rear quarter-panel.

The third accident occurred on B-50 near Oberweis. A motorcycle attempted to pass three vehicles, but didn't see that the first vehicle, a government vehicle driven by a civilian employee, was attempting a turn. The motorcyclist locked his rear wheel and slid beneath the turning vehicle. A driver in the second vehicle was then rear-ended by a third vehicle, driven by a local national.

Investigation by Bitburg Polizei determined the motorcycle rider was making an improper pass at speeds too fast for conditions. The local national who rear-ended the civilian was charged for following too close for conditions. There were no injuries reported.

The government vehicle had no noticeable damage. The driver of the rear-ended vehicle sustained a dented rear bumper and trunk hatch. The motorcycle had damage to the front steering bar. The third vehicle had a dented front bumper, grill and a busted radiator.

The fifteen minor accidents involved:

- One from backing.
- Ten from inattentive driving.
- One for speed too fast for conditions.
- Two animal strikes.
- One fleeing the scene of an accident.

In addition, 27 citations were issued. The 29th charge for driving under the influence of alcohol was given Monday.

Regulation tid-bit

People authorized to operate a U.S. Army Europe-licensed vehicle must possess a USAREUR license. A recent influx of driving suspensions for USAREUR-licensed individuals has occurred at an alarming rate because USAREUR license holders have allowed non-licensed individuals to operate their vehicles. The following information can be found in SABI 31-204, section 2, page 2, May 15, 1999.

2.1. Declaration of Ineligibility for a USAEEUR Privately Owned vehicle driver's license for a minimum of 180 days for operating a POV without being licensed or after the license has expired.

2.2.5. Suspensions may last a maximum of 180 days for allowing someone to operate a POV without a USAREUR POV driver's license or without a USAREUR POV license valid for the vehicle class operated.

Summer program inspires children to read

Activity mixes crafts, games to encourage library attendance

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

About 300 Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex children have joined forces with hundreds of other children throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe to keep up their reading skills and support their local libraries.

"Reading Rocks!" is a youth summer reading program sponsored by base libraries throughout Europe. During summer vacation, children ages 3-12 earn certificates, T-shirts and other prizes for reading 25 or more books by Aug. 9. Children too young to read on their own also qualify if parents or siblings read the books to them.

"I think it's a great summer activity for kids," said Stephanie Evers, Bitburg Annex librarian. "We get kids in here checking out stacks of books and the next week they come back for more."

In addition to reading, program activities include weekly puzzle contests and bi-weekly craft sessions.

Students said they enjoy the program because it offers something fun to do that their parents happily support. Alexia Roundtree, who was inspired by her mother to join the program, has logged 29 books so far. She plans to continue her reading streak throughout the next few weeks left of summer vacation.

"I check out five books daily and read them to my younger brother, Kye," said the 10-year-old. "I prefer younger kid's books, such as Dr. Seuss, but we also read other stuff."

Although the program is in full swing, youth interested in Reading Rocks! are encouraged to join, said Michelle Reedy, Spangdahlem AB librarian and program coordinator. Aric Dunlow recently registered with the program for a second year after returning from a summer trip. The 11-year-old looks forward to meeting his former record of logging 25 books. His mother, Michelle, encouraged Aric to join and read aloud to his younger brother to improve his reading skills and provide an activity the siblings could do together.

Youth can register for the program at either library check-out counter. The next craft session takes place July 23 in the Spangdahlem AB library. A party with games, refreshments, more crafts and prizes wraps up the program Aug. 16.

The base library is open Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Bitburg Annex library is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
Zack Howard, age 6, gets help from a program volunteer to trace his hands and make a paper butterfly in a Reading Rocks! crafts session July 9.

Airmen receive Articles 15, courts-martial

(Editor's note: Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specify particular punishments for any offense. Commanders considering nonjudicial punishment factor in the nature of the offense; the record of the service member; the needs for good order and discipline; and the effect of nonjudicial punishment of the service member and the service member's record.)

During June, 10 Spangdahlem Air Base airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Also in June, four airmen were convicted in courts-martial.

■ A staff sergeant violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman.

■ A senior airman violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman first class, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■ A senior airman violated Article 121 by using another military member's credit card number to purchase merchandise, and violated Article 107 by making a false official statement. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class.

■ An airman first class violated Article 92 by displaying a piercing in the lower lip while in uniform. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, 40 days restriction and 30 days extra duty.

■ An airman violated Article 113 by sleeping on duty. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman basic and seven days extra duty.

■ An airman violated Article 86 by failing to report to work on time. The commander imposed a reduction to

airman basic.

■ An airman violated Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly and by communicating a threat. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman basic and a reprimand.

■ An airman violated Article 134 by being incapacitated for performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor and Article 86 by failing to report to work on time. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 14 days extra duty and 45 days restriction.

■ An airman basic violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana. The commander imposed 14 days restriction and 14 days extra duty. The airman is being processed for administrative discharge from the Air Force.

■ An airman basic violated Article 91 by disrespecting a senior noncommissioned officer and Article 92 by not shaving facial hair and wearing an unwashed, unpressed uniform. The commander imposed 45 days restriction and a reprimand.

Courts-martial

■ An airman from the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron was found guilty in a special court-martial June 7 and sentenced by a judge alone.

Airman 1st Class Beau J. Fealty was found guilty of wrongfully using marijuana multiple times between February and September 2001. He was also found guilty of wrongful use of mushrooms. Fealty pleaded guilty to the two specifications under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Fealty was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 45 days and reduction to airman basic.

■ An airman from the 52nd Security Forces Squadron was found guilty by a judge in a general court-martial and sentenced June 12.

The airman was found guilty of unlawfully squeezing around the waist of and pulling on the leg of a child under age 16.

He was sentenced to a year confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge.

He pleaded guilty to the two specifications under Article 128 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

■ An airman from the 52nd EMS was found guilty and sentenced by a judge in a general court-martial June 12.

Airman Randy S. Etzweiler was found guilty of wrongfully using, distributing and introducing onto an armed forces installation both marijuana and mushrooms containing a controlled substance (psilocybin) multiple times between May 1 and Oct. 14, 2001. He was also found guilty of false representation since stated on his enlistment application at Mechanicsburg, Pa., he never used or experimented with marijuana.

■ An airman from the 22nd Fighter Squadron was found guilty in a special court-martial and sentenced June 21.

Airman 1st Class Bradley Saucier was found guilty of wrongfully using marijuana and perocet multiple times and of distributing marijuana. Saucier was found guilty of three specifications under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Saucier was sentenced to nine months of confinement, reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$737 pay per month for nine months.

Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero

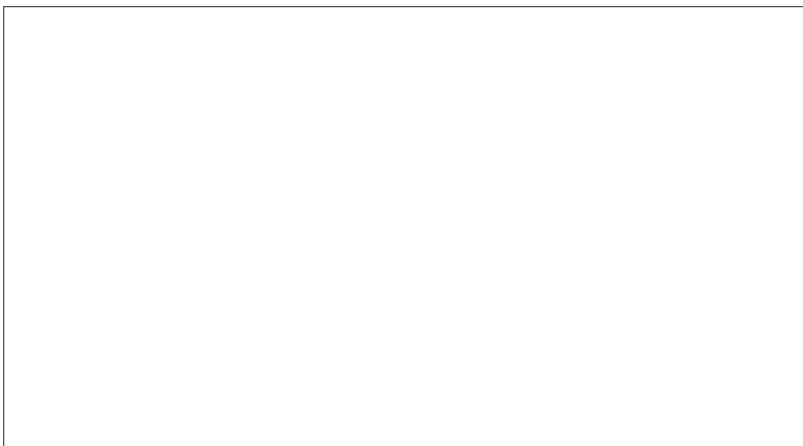
Senior Airman Troy Schmidt, 81st Fighter Squadron crew chief, changes an A-10 main landing gear tire between flights during the squadron's April deployment to Slovakia.

Slovakia

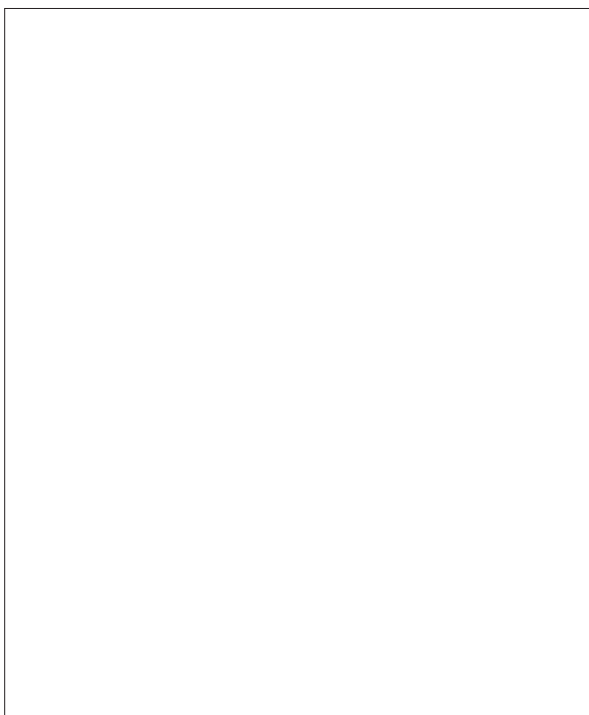
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navigation and first-run attacks on the targets to Kuchyna Range. He explained this type of training is difficult in Germany, the host nation for the 81st FS, because of the weather, and range-use limitations and distances. The Kuchyna Range is less than five miles from the Slovak base.

Pilots at Spangdahlem AB are currently required to travel as far as Spain, Turkey and Tunisia to use air-to-ground ranges, Malackowski added. Training at the Slovak base allows the A-10 aircraft to shorten their travel distances, expand training opportunities and play a role in continuing to strengthen friendly ties between the United States and Slovakia.

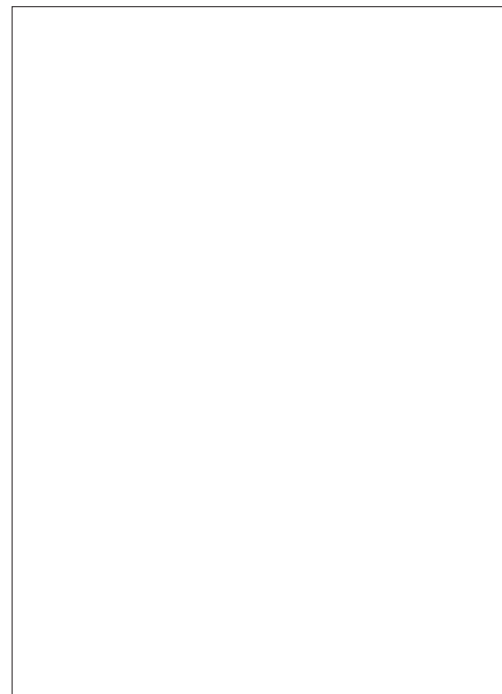
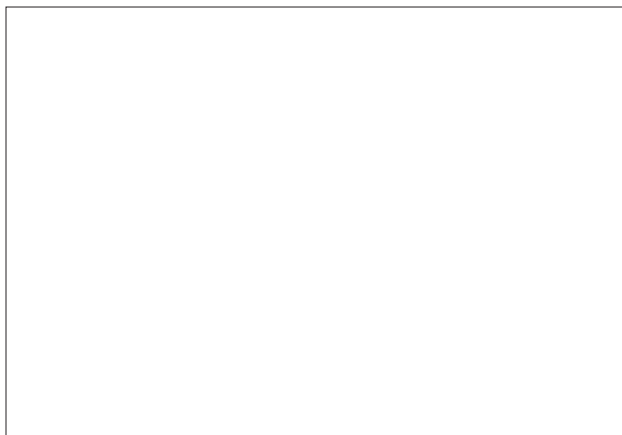


Randy Bigbee, 52nd Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation programs coordinator, talks about the importance of wearing a life vest while participating in water sports, such as kayaking. Campers also asked about how to use the kayak two-paddled oar Bigbee had on display.



Ashley Simms, age 10, practices the safe way to approach a strange dog by gently offering the back of her hand for the dog to sniff before reaching out to pet him. Ashlaun, a 5-year-old labrador retriever, showed his approval by letting the children pet him as much as they wanted. Susan Street of the Oberweiss Pet Spa taught the course.

Felicia Rogers, age 10, and Selina Bitting, age 7, express their artistic side drawing with chalk on the school asphalt.



Tech. Sgt. Howard Bailey, 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office Larry to talk about vehicle passenger safety. "What's the c asked Bailey. "They don't wear their seatbelt!" the campers Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Michael Hager, 52nd Civil Engineer

Kids learn how on base at summer

Two-day event teaches
common safety tips
with hands-on activities

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 95 Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex children learned how fun safety can be during 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office annual safety camp.

Throughout the morning July 11-12 campers divided into age groups rotated through 10 safety stations offering 15 minutes of instruction, demonstrations and static display tours.

"The primary purpose of the camp is to enlighten children with some good safety tips in a fun environment," said Staff Sgt. David Scott, base safety office and camp coordinator.

Scott attributes this year's camp success to volunteer help and donations contributed by the Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club, First Sergeant's Association, Top Three, and Officers and Civilian Spouses Club.

Jewels Estrada said she enjoyed the dog safety course because it was a "hands-on" activity.

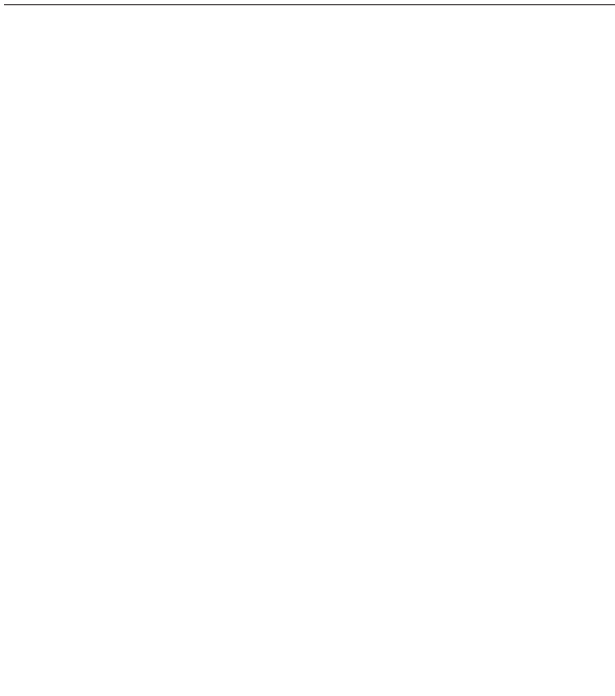
"I learned dogs like to be pet under their chin," said the 9-year-old. "I also learned you should always approach a dog slowly."

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

ground safety technicians, teams up with "Crash Dummies" Vince and one thing Vince and Larry never do that's very important to always do?" "s shouted back. Airman 1st Class Eric Sellers, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, wore the dummies costumes.

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everything about safety camp, she found the water safety advice the most useful for the summer.

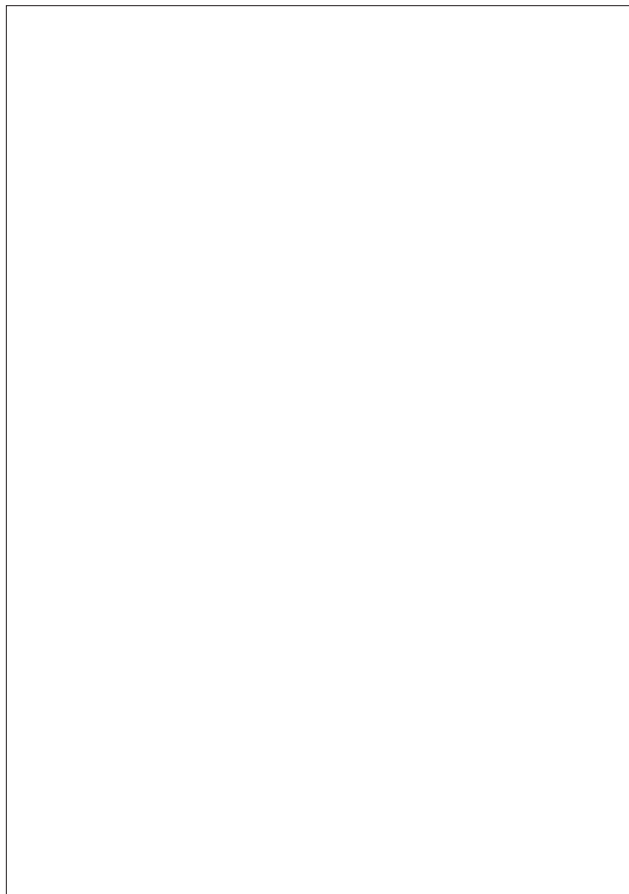
"Don't swim without a buddy and always wear a helmet when in a paddle boat," she advised.

Other advice safety instructors shared with the campers included:

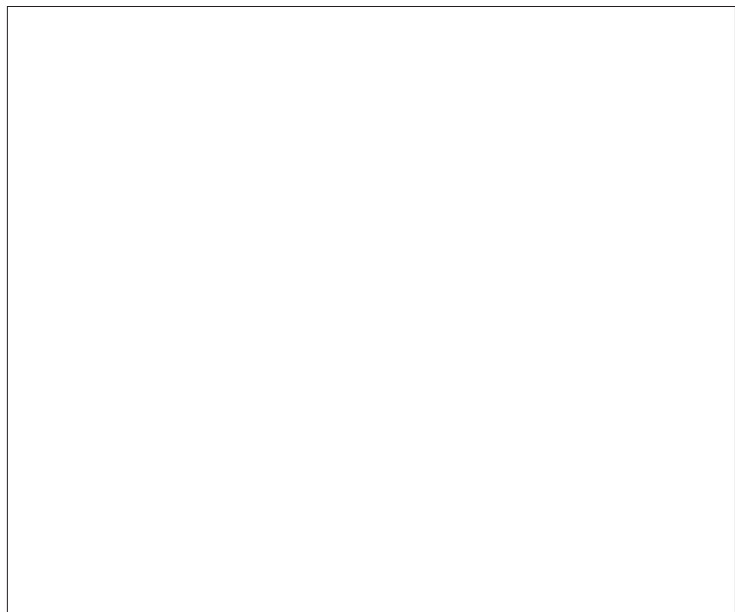
- Ask before touching cans and bottles of unknown substances, such as cleaners.
- Never use your hand to brush off poisonous or dangerous chemicals. Use a cloth or another object to prevent spreading the substance on hands.
- Cook only with adult supervision. If you see a fire, tell an adult and stay away from the area.
- Bicyclists should recognize and obey traffic signs, ride with the flow of traffic and look both ways before entering traffic.

Some parents showed their support for the program by volunteering. Camp volunteer Jacqueline Bitting said she believes she would have benefited by such courses when she was younger. As a child, she was bitten by a strange dog after running from it in fear.

"Now my daughter knows you should stand still and not run," she said. "It's good for children to hear safety advice from other people because when parents say 'do this, don't do that' it's boring to them and they often don't listen. When someone else they look up says the same thing, then they believe it."



Eileen Leisgang and Roger Livingston, age 10, practice their turning skills on a biking obstacle course the second day of safety camp.



Airman Bronson Beyer, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight firefighter, demonstrates to campers the air power of a positive protection fan. Fire fighters use the fan to ventilate and reduce the heat in a burning building. Along with a fire truck tour, fire protection flight members also talked about fire safety, had campers practice "stop, drop and roll" techniques and handed out toy fire helmets.

Community Mailbox

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 1681 holds its monthly general membership meeting Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Spangdahlem Air Base pavillion (next to the bowling center). All chapter members and people interested in joining AFSA are invited to attend the summer picnic get-together. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be served, starting at 11:15 a.m. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Bingman at 452-6703.

Education fair

The base education center-sponsored education fair takes place Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Saber Club. The fair serves as a one-stop-shop for people seeking a higher education. Representatives from City Colleges of Chicago, Community College of the Air Force, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Maryland and University of Oklahoma will be present to speak about courses, admission procedures, financial aid request procedures and more. Each school will also hold drawings for prizes. Call the education center at 452-6335 or 452-6063 for more information.

Helping hands

The Helping Hands support group for parents of special needs children meets Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the base youth center, building 427. Child care and dinner is provided. Call Capt. Michelle Ambrose at 452-8238 or Myra Rock at 452-7545 for details.

Public speaking

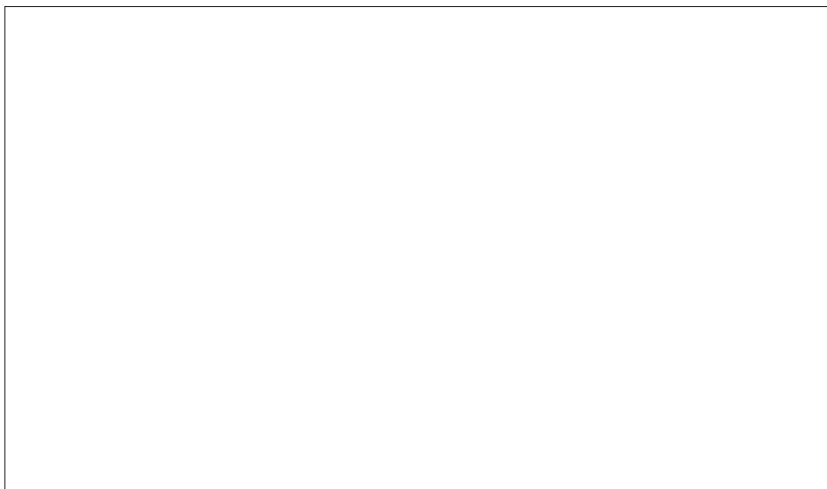
The Eifel chapter Toastmasters International meet July 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base chapel annex. People interested in improving speaking skills are encouraged to attend. Call Master Sgt. Jeff Wepner at 452-5370 for more information.

Life skills news

The 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Life Skills Support Flight offers the following classes.

■ The art of relationships, each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 67. Call Michele Linnen at 452-3130 to register.

■ Bunny Club playgroup meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bitburg Annex lodging playroom. Call Michele Linnen at 452-3130 for details.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Quality inspection

Senior Airman Giovanni Lewis, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, presents his 1991 Cadillac to 52nd Services Squadron 10th Annual Sound Off contest judge Larry Caldwell. The Sound Factory sponsored the basewide event near the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center July 13. Five Sound Factory judges inspected 30 vehicles and car stereo systems entered in the contest. The sound quality awards went to Airman 1st Class Brian Dryden, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Gary Mashburn, 606th Air Control Squadron. Michael Schares and Mashburn took home the sound pressure awards with subwoofers that measured at 140.8 and 130.8 decibels, respectively.

■ Passport to parenthood, Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call Sharon Gilmore or Terrie Hostetter at 452-3130 for details.

■ Caring for children through divorce, July 29 from 1-3 p.m. in Spangdahlem Air Base building 161. Call Connie Ketchum at 452-8279 for details.

Family support news

The family support center offers the following classes in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-6894 for more information.

■ Pre-separation consultation, Monday and July 29 from 9-10:30 a.m.

■ Six-week German course begins July 30 from 6-8 p.m. in building 131.

The family support center offers the following classes on Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9424 for more information.

■ Resume writing, Tuesday from 8-11 a.m.

■ Interviewing techniques, Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.

■ German bills made easy, Thursday from 8-9 a.m.

■ Travel by train to Cochem for all military members, July 26 from 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m.

School bus news

Students needing bus transportation in the upcoming school year should register for a new pass by July 26 to receive them in the mail by Aug. 17. Parents registering students after July 26 should visit the student transportation office with a copy of the school registration form. The office is located in Spangdahlem Elementary School complex building 459. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m., and each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. now through July 26. Call 452-5340 or 452-5352 for more information.

Spouse tuition assistance

Applications for Term 1 spouse tuition assistance are now available at the education office and the Bitburg Annex post office. Deadline is July 26. For more information, call the education office at 452-6063.

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Professionalism

Air Combat Command CCMS shares top-10 words

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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. —

How many speeches have you heard over the course of your career at professional military education graduations where you actually remember the words uttered by the guest speaker? I try to pay attention to each and every speaker and take to heart the message they are conveying.

I am almost embarrassed to admit that after the dessert dishes are cleared away and the awards presented to the exemplary graduates, those important messages are often already starting to fade in my memory.

I don't believe that I am disregarding the importance of the speaker's words of wisdom. However, I think it takes a simple and "down-home" message for it to remain vividly on my mind and keep my thought process focused.

Recently, at a noncommissioned officer academy graduation ceremony, the guest speaker made reference to a speech that he had heard earlier in the month. Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Keane, Air Combat Command's command chief master sergeant, said something to the effect of the importance of knowing the 10 most important words to know to be successful in the Air Force.

As I was sitting in my chair, I was expecting something profound to be listed. I was anticipating eloquent verbiage that would most likely require me to get out a dictionary. I was pleasantly surprised with his rendition of the 10 words. After he recited the list, I truly believed that he was absolutely right and I felt the exact same way without really realizing it.

He said the most important words for a military member to use to be successful are: "Yes sir," "No sir," "Yes ma'am," "No ma'am," "Please" and "Thanks."

Those are 10 words that each and every one of us probably learned to spell before we entered second grade. Most likely, our parents stressed the importance of being respectful to our elders and being well-mannered children.

Growing up, I know that those 10 words were part of my everyday life and I was expected to use them. In my youth, I would have never considered what I was taught about good manners would be a tool to be successful in life. Now, since the guest speaker has reintroduced these words to me, I am fully aware of the power they contain.

"Yes sir," "No sir," "Yes ma'am" and "No ma'am" are simple phrases that are not just reserved for those who outrank you. They are words used to be respectful.

To me, there is nothing more annoying than when you're watching those old-time military movies and the young "butter-bar" calls the crusty old senior enlisted guy "sir" and the enlisted leader says, "Don't call me sir, I work for a living."

I don't believe that an individual's rank has anything to do with the amount of respect that should be given. I will be just as respectful to one of my airman as I would be to the chief of staff.

There is nothing wrong with a field grade officer saying, "Yes sir" to an airman. It shows a level of respect for the individual as an individual, regardless of a lesser rank. We should all be respectful of each other if we want

to be successful.

"Please" and "Thank you" pack power too. When you ask one of your troops to accomplish a task, how hard is it to say, "Please" or "Thank you"? It doesn't take much more than half a second to utter and if you make it routine, it will flow in your vocabulary. Just because you asked politely for a task to be done, the order doesn't become less substantial.

My parents stressed respect in our daily lives and didn't hesitate to remind my brothers and I if we failed to be courteous. "Please" and "Thank you" make the positive first impression. "Please" and "Thank you" impresses your chain of command. "Please" and "Thank you" are merely three syllables in the English language, yet they have an enormous impact when they are used.

I always listen quietly to distinguished speakers at events, hoping to better myself by taking in the messages they portray. I've found that you never know which speaker will impact you greatly — the one who leaves a lasting impression and you feel the need to share it with others.

Chief Master Sgt. Keane provided me the insight to realize the importance of simple words taught to me in my youth. Those 10 words are the most important in my vocabulary and by using them regularly, I do believe that I will be a successful Air Force member. (Air Force Print News)

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle

Today

The Sum of All Fears (PG-13)

Starring Morgan Freeman and Ben Affleck. The fourth film starring Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan character, this time Ben Affleck stars in the role made famous by Harrison Ford. In this installment, European neo-Nazi terrorists acquire a nuclear device and plan to use it at the Super Bowl, blaming the attack on Russia in the hopes of rekindling the Cold War. Luckily, CIA analyst Jack Ryan is on the case. (Violence, disaster images and brief strong language.)

Saturday

The Sum of All Fears

Sunday

Life or Something Like it (PG-13)

Lanie Kerrigan, a feature reporter, leads the ultimate superficial life, even though she thinks she has it all. Her perfect world starts unraveling after a homeless street seer tells Lanie that she leads a meaningless existence and will die the following week. When the savant's other predictions come true, Lanie begins to re-examine her life and priorities.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Sum of All Fears

Thursday

Jason X (R)

It's the year 2455, a professor takes his students on a field trip to the planet Earth, where they discover a cryogenically frozen Jason and transport him back to their spaceship. Jason Voorhees, the silent goalie-masked killer, has been on ice for a few hundred years, but through a catastrophic accident, he is awakened and more than willing to pick up where he left off — finding new and interesting ways to murder people.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Bad Company (PG-13)

Gaylord Oakes is a veteran CIA agent who must transform sarcastic, street-wise punk Jake Hayes into a sophisticated and savvy spy to impersonate his murdered identical twin brother. He only has nine days to accomplish this "mission: improbable," before having to negotiate a sensitive nuclear weapons deal. (Language, violence.)

Deuces Wild (R, 10 p.m.)

Leon and Bobby are brothers who are determined to maintain their way of life. They are "The Deuces." Loyalty means everything and protecting family is their priority. (Violence, language, drug content and sexuality.)

Saturday

Bad Company

Sorority Boys (R, 10 p.m.)

Strapped for cash, Dave, Adam and Doofer find themselves drawn to one last desperate hope for free housing — one of their campus' sororities, Delta Omicron Gamma (or DOG). To become a DOG, the boys have to first become one of the girls. (Sexual content, nudity, language and drug use.)

Sunday

Deuces Wild

Monday

Sorority Boys

Tuesday

Bad Company

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
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A view of Berlin. To get a good first impression of Berlin, first-time visitors should view the city from above. To do this, take the lift to the Tele-Cafe at the Berlin Fernsehturm or television tower. At an altitude of 207 meters, the tower revolves high above Alexanderplatz, offering a panoramic view about 40 kilometers out.

Iris Reiff

Germany's capital lures visitors with former Soviet, royal history

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

"Berlin is worth a trip," claim city advertisements and the slogan has never been as true as today. After the fall of the wall and Germany's reunification, the new capital on the Spree, divided for 28 years, has regained its attraction.

Over the years, the city has doubled in size and cultural influence. There are countless attractions available in Berlin.

Visitors who would like to explore reunited Berlin and enjoy the atmosphere begin touring from Alexanderplatz and continue to the Kurfuerstendamm, the city's most famous entertainment square. The route is dotted with many points of interest associated worldwide with Germany's capital.

Shops, pubs, cafes, restaurants, movie theaters, concerts, acrobats, sidewalk vendors and a 24-hour stream of visitors make the city ideal for walking tours. In the side streets visitors can find a variety of shops, clothing boutiques and antique galleries.

Alexanderplatz square, located in the east of the city, was once the focus of traffic and public life. During the postwar years, the square's countenance transformed. Today it's a pedestrian zone and around it visitors can see former Germany's showcase buildings.

In the heart of Berlin lies Unter den Linden, one of Berlin's most picturesque boulevards with a series of famous buildings and monuments. The street connects the Berlin City Palace with the former Tiergarten game preserve. Today Tiergarten is the largest green area within the city.

On Nov. 9, 1989, Berlins' famous Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of the division of Germany since World War II, became a monument of unity. Until the end of the monarchy in 1918, passage through the middle archway of the city gate was strictly reserved for nobility.

The magnificent Soviet Embassy building stretches along the right side of the street. In its' garden, a stone bust of Vladimir Lenin can be found under the Linden trees. A few meters further lies the intersection of Friedrichstrasse and Unter den Linden, which was once a world famous meeting place.

Rathaus Schoeneberg on John-F.-Kennedy-Platz, built 1911-1914, became the political center of West Berlin after 1948. The Bell of Freedom, a gift from the United States, has rung each noon within the tower since 1950. In 1963, U.S. President John F. Kennedy delivered his famous speech from the rathaus balcony, which ended with the often-quoted words: "Ich bin ein Berliner" or "I am a Berliner."

Postwar Germany's first freely-elected parliament met in October 1990 in the Reichstag Building on the Platz der Republik. This building, constructed by Paul Wallot from 1884 through 1894, has a colorful history and houses the permanent exhibition, "Questions of German History."

Berlin is once again a metropolis where an old rule applies: most shopping and entertainment districts can be found in the west while the historical center is in the east. Despite its commercial division, Berlin's unification efforts continue, drawing visitors from the world's East and West.

Eifel Sports World

Eifel West Juniors claim USAREUR championships

The Eifel West Juniors girls softball team clinched a spot in the U.S. Army in Europe Championships June 16 by beating Landstuhl 15-2 in the regional playoffs.

During regionals June 14-16, EWJ beat two Landstuhl teams and Sembach. Then, at the USAREUR Championships June 20-23 in Landstuhl, EWJ remained undefeated in a double-elimination match. However, before the day ended, Heidelberg overpowered Eifel West

serving the team its first loss of the playoff season.

Eifel West bounced back; however, with the superb pitching of 14-year-old Natalie Alvarez. Natalie struck out all three batters in the final inning to clinch the championship 4-3. (Contributed by Ron Smith, EWJ head coach.)

AFSA golf tourney

The annual Air Force Sergeant's Association golf tournament takes place July 26 at the Eifel Mountain Golf

Course. Cost is \$25 per person. Four people per team maximum. Prize presentations and a cookout follows the event. Call Staff Sgt. Jonathan Sanders at 452-6652 for details.

Fitness assessments

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